

Introduced by Senator Evans

February 17, 2011

An act to amend Section 7861.1 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to commercial fishing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 470, as introduced, Evans. Commercial fishing: salmon stamp.

Existing law prohibits specified persons from taking salmon for commercial purposes unless the person has a commercial fishing salmon stamp affixed to his or her commercial fishing license. Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game to issue a commercial fishing salmon stamp, upon application for the stamp and payment of a base fee of \$85. That base fee is required to be adjusted during specified commercial salmon seasons. However, existing law prohibits the total fees, as adjusted, from exceeding \$260. Under existing law, fee revenues are deposited in the Commercial Salmon Stamp Account in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund, and the money in the account is continuously appropriated to the department for new or expanded salmon restoration and enhancement programs in the state that will serve to increase ocean salmon landings. Existing law prohibits the department from charging administrative overhead costs exceeding 3.3% of the annual expenditures from the account. These provisions of existing law are repealed as of January 1, 2012.

This bill would decrease that administrative overhead cost limit from 3.3% to 1% of the annual expenditures from the account.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7861.1 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 amended to read:
3 7861.1. The *department shall not charge the* Commercial
4 Salmon Stamp Account in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund
5 ~~shall not be charged~~ administrative overhead costs exceeding ~~3.3~~
6 1 percent of the annual expenditures from the account. Interest
7 derived from the account shall be deposited in the Fish and Game
8 Preservation Fund to help defray ongoing operational costs of the
9 department.

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